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& SONS, INC.

PROCESSORS OF  
SCRAP IRON & STEEL —  
NON-FERROUS METALS

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August 18, 1988

Mr. Christopher P. Thomas  
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CERCLA Removal Enforcement Section (3HW14)  
841 Chestnut Building  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Mr. Thomas,

This letter will confirm our telephone conversation of July 25, 1988, wherein I informed you that L. Lavetan & Sons, Inc. does not feel that it should be considered a potentially responsible party at the Tonolli, Inc. Site, Nesquehoning, PA. As I explained in our conversation, I was informed by some of the people who had attended the March 23, 1988 meeting that the problem was related to those companies who had shipped lead based products (i.e. lead batteries, lead scrap). L. Lavetan & Sons, Inc. never shipped lead products to Tonolli. The only item we ever shipped was cast iron borings.

Prior to telephoning you, I spoke to Mr. Louis Magdits, who is presently employed by Exide Corporation in Reading, but who was formerly employed by Tonolli, Inc. in the purchasing department. Mr. Magdits confirmed what I had already known, which was that he had never bought any lead based material from L. Lavetan & Sons, Inc. He only remembered purchasing some cast iron borings. I asked Mr. Magdits if he had received his copy of the PRP list and if so, were there any other companies listed who did not ship lead based products to the site. His reply was that there were many companies listed that did not ship lead based products. There were equipment suppliers, repair people, etc. I thanked him and proceeded to telephone you.

I informed you that I did not believe that L. Lavetan & Sons, Inc. should be on the distributed list for PRPs at the Tonolli, Inc. Site and asked you how the list was generated. Your reply was that the company names were extracted from the Tonolli, Inc. payables list. I asked you if the list included all payables or only those payables for lead based scrap. You replied that to the best of your knowledge, the PRP list generated only contained lead based scrap suppliers. It was at this time that I informed you of Mr. Magdits' statement that there were other than scrap suppliers on this list.

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When I asked you how I could go about clearing up this misunderstanding and having our company name cleared and removed from the PRP list, you instructed me to confirm our conversation, in writing, and forward a copy to Mr. John Schneider. This is precisely what I have done.

We would appreciate whatever assistance you are able to give us in clearing up this misunderstanding. We await your response.

Very truly yours,

L. LAVETAN & SONS, INC.



Gary Hendler  
Executive Vice President/General Manager

CC: Mr. John Schneider, E. Schneider & Sons, Inc.

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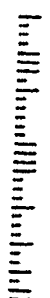
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